

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Yu MINAKUCHI, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Serial No.: To Be Assigned)	
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Filed: March 21, 2000)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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For: INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION/)	
REPRODUCTION CONTROL APPARATUS,)	
INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION/)	
REPRODUCTION CONTROL METHOD, AND)	
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING)	
MEDIUM RECORDED WITH INFORMATION)	
DISTRIBUTION/REPRODUCTION CONTROL)	
PROGRAM)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 123, Claim 12 (the last claim on the page), change "12" to --13--.

Page 124, Claim 13, change "13" to --14--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.